Rs.25.0 crore. An expenditure of Rs.13.99 crore has been incurred upto March, 2001.

Hirma Power Project in Orissa

1147. SHRIMATI VANGA GEETHA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the work of Hirma Power Project in Orissa has been slowed down on account of coal supply; and

(b) if so, the action taken to negotiate with the Coal India Limited for the uninterrupted supply of Coal for timely completion of the project?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The Standing Linkage Committee (Long term) of the Ministry of Coal, in its meeting held on December 15, 2000, granted a coal linkage of 22.4 million tonnes per annum from the Kulda and Garjanbahal coalfields of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) to the 6x660 MW Hirma Thermal Power Project in Orissa being promoted by M/s. Mirant Asia Pacific Ltd. [earlier known as M/s. Southern Energy Asia Pacific Limited (SEAP), [Hong Kong] and Reliance Power Ltd. There has been some slippage in the schedule for negotiation of the Fuel Supply Agreement for the project due to rejection of forest clearance for the Kulda mines. The promoters of the project are in negotiation with MCL for expeditious implementation of the mining projects.

Construction of Hydel Power Projects in the country

† 1148. SHRI RAJIV RANJAN SINGH 'LALAN':

SHRI KAPIL SIBAL:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that foreign capital investment has been allowed in power generation sector in the country during the last decade or so;

(b) if so, when a decision to this effect was taken;

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† Original notice of the question v/as received in Hindi.

(c) the number of Hydel Power Projects sanctioned in the country since the date of said approval till June, 2001; and

(d) the total foreign capital proposed to be invested in such projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) The policy to encourage investments by private enterprises, including foreign investors, was introduced in 1991, with the objective of mobilizing additional resources for capacity addition in power generation (both in the thermal and hydel sectors) and distribution.

(c) and (d) Details of the schemes for setting up hydro electric power projects in the private sector which have been accorded techno-economic clearance of Central Electricity Authority (CEA) are given below:—

SI. No	Name of the Project/ Promoter/State	Capacity (MW)	Estimated completed cost
1.	Baspa Stage-II HEP, MS. Jaiprakash Hydro Power Ltd., Himachal Pradesh.	300	Rs. 949.23 Crs.
2.	Malana HEP, Ms. Malana Power Company Ltd., Himachal Pradesh.	86	Rs. 341.911 Crs.
3.	Vishnuprayag HEP, MS. Jaiprakash Power Ventures Ltd., Uttar Pradesh.	400	US$ 107.35 Million + Rs. 1233.57 Crs. (1 US$ = Rs. 35.50)
4.	Shrinagar HEP Ms. Duncans North Hydro Power Co. Ltd., Uttar Pradesh.	330	US$ 95.04 Million + Rs. 1299.89 Crs. (1 US$ = Rs. 42/-)

Sl. No.	Name of the Project Promoter/State	Capacity (MW)	Estimated completed cost
5.	Maheshwar HEP, M/s. Shree Maheshwar Hydel Power Corp Ltd., Madhya Pradesh.	400	US$ 213.29 Million + Rs. 812.09 Crs. (1 US$ = Rs. 35.50)
	Dhamwari Sunda HEP, M/s. Dhamwari Power Co., Himachal Pradesh.		USS 10.91 Million + Rs. 393.04 crores (1 US$ = Rs. 43/-)
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As per the tentative financial package submitted at the time of techno-economic clearance by the promoters of the projects indicated at Serial No. 3—6 above, the estimated capital cost of the project includes investment by foreign companies. The actual amount of foreign investment involved will crystallize only after these projects achieve financial closure and complete construction.

Electrification of villages in Arunachal Pradesh

1149. SHRI NABAM REBIA: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Central Government have formulated any concrete scheme for electrification of the villages in the State of Arunachal Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the details of villages in the State that have been electrified, so far; and

(d) by when, all the villages of State are likely to be electrified?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (d) Rural Electrification has now been included under Pradhan Mantri Gramodaya Yojana (PMGY).

Finance Minister in his Speech while presenting the Union Budget for 2001-2002 has announced that a package of initiatives is being launched by the Government to improve the power distribution system in rural areas. This includes: